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NOTIFICATIONS.

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No. 149.—In pursuance of the powers conferred by rule 2 (f) of the Madras Electoral Rules published by the Government of India in their Notification No. 187-F, dated 17th July 1920, the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following regulations for the preparation of electoral rolls for the general and special constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council:

SECTION I.—GENERAL CONSTITUENCIES.

1. These regulations shall apply to the preparation of electoral rolls for the general constituencies.

2. The electoral roll for each constituency shall contain the following particulars, viz., the elector's name, father's name, address and qualifications. It shall be contained in Form I annexed and shall be divided into parts for each registration area comprised in the constituency and each part shall be divided into sections for each polling area within the registration area. Each polling area in a registration area shall be separately numbered and the electors in each polling area shall be numbered in one series. The villages in each rural polling area shall be arranged alphabetically and the houses in each village shall also be arranged alphabetically. In municipal areas similarly the streets shall be arranged alphabetically and also the houses in each street, provided that where such an arrangement is not convenient the houses may be arranged alphabetically for each ward.

3. The roll shall be kept in English for the European and Anglo-Indian constituencies and in the vernacular of the District for other constituencies, provided that the Government may direct that any particular roll or part of a roll may be kept in any language.

4. (a) The City of Madras, each municipal municipality and each revenue division of a district, including the municipal areas in each division, shall be a separate registration area.

(b) The Commissioner of the Madras Municipality for the City of Madras, the Chairman of the Municipal Council for each municipal municipality and the Revenue Divisional Officer for each revenue division shall be the registration officers.

Provided that any of the powers and duties of the registration officer may be performed and executed by any deputy for the time being approved by the Local Government and the provisions of these regulations shall, in respect of the powers and duties to be exercised and performed by him, apply to each deputy so far as they apply to the registration officer.

4. Each registration area shall be divided into separate polling areas. The polling areas shall be—

(a) in the City of Madras, the divisions;

(b) in municipal municipalities, the wards or such other areas as the municipal chairman may determine with the approval of the municipal council; and

(c) in non-municipal areas, such areas as the registration officer may determine after consultation with the taluk head or heads concerned, provided that the polling areas shall be so arranged as to give all electors such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.

5. (a) It shall be the duty of the registration officer to ensure that the rolls and the registers, or cause to be prepared, lists of all persons within his registration area appearing to be entitled to be registered as electors in the roll for each constituency. The lists shall be prepared in the form prescribed for the roll and shall also contain particulars of the amount of tax paid or net value of land held in the case of property qualifications.

(b) The preliminary rolls shall be prepared from three lists and printed. They shall be published by posting them in the office of the registration officer not later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf. Copies of the rolls with the notices referred to in clause (c) of this regulation shall also be issued as a supplement to the district gazette.

(c) With the preliminary roll the registration officer shall publish notices in Form II specifying the date in which and the hour within which claims and objections are to be preferred and the date on, not less than six days, at which the revising authority will begin to sit for their disposal. The date fixed for the sitting of the revising authority shall not be later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf.

6. Copies of the notice relating to each registration area shall be made available for inspection and sale in the case of municipal areas in the municipal office and in the case of other areas in the office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars concerned; and in rural areas a copy of the notice relating to each village shall also be posted in the village shikari or other conspicuous place in the village.

Claims and objections.

7. (a) Any person who claims to be entitled to be registered as an elector and who is not entered or is entered in an incorrect place or manner or with incorrect particulars, on the preliminary roll and any person whose name is on the roll and who objects to the inclusion of his own name or to the name of any other person whose name is on the roll may prefer a claim or an objection to the revising authority. Such claim or objection shall be sent in Form III or IV to the registration officer at or as near him as or before the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf.

(b) Claims and objections may be preferred in person or sent by post.

(c) Claims and objections received after the prescribed date shall be rejected.

8. The registration officer may of his own motion remove from the rolls the names of persons whom he has reason to believe to be dead and may make such other alterations as may be necessary.

9. The registration officer shall, not later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf,—

(a) post in his own office and in the offices of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars concerned lists of all claims and objections received in his and of corrections made by him of his own motion in Form V; and

(b) send a copy of every notice of objection to the person to whose registration objection has been taken and give intimation to the person concerned of the correction made by him of his own motion.

In the lists referred to in clause (a) and in the copy and intimation sent under clause (b), the registration officer shall give notice that the claims, objections and amendments will be taken into consideration by the revising authority at a place and on the date fixed which shall be specified therein.

Revising authority.

10. For each registration area, there shall be constituted a revising authority consisting of the registration officer as chairman and two municipal gentlemen to be nominated by the Collector of the district.

11. The revising authority shall sit in open office on the day fixed and from day to day until all the claims and objections are disposed of. Orders shall be passed in writing on each claim or objection, with reasons if a claim is rejected or an objection sustained. The revising authority shall also pass final orders on the lists of corrections made by the registration officers of their own motion.

Form III

Notice of election for members of legislative
assemblyTo The Honoring Authority of legislative areaSir,
I hereby give you notice that I claim to have the registry of my name entered
my name entered in the roll of
electors for the constituency of as follows:—

Name in full of elector and father's name	Address (village, or street and door number)	Kind of qualification.	Amount of rental value or fee paid.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

I declare that I am a British subject and that I attained the age of 21 years on

Date Signature of elector.

Form IV.

Notice of objection to registration

To The Honoring Authority of registration areaSir,
I hereby give you notice that I object to the name of the person mentioned and described
below being retained in the electors' roll for the polling area of in the registration
area of for the constituency of

Name of person objected to.	Number in primary roll.	Reason of objection
(1)	(2)	(3)

Date Signature of Objector
Address
Polling area and number in primary roll.

Form V

List of names and objections.

(a) The following persons have yet to obtain to be registered as electors (or to have the
registry of their names corrected) in the roll for the constituency of

Poling area.	Name of elector.	Address.	Kind of qualification.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

(b) The following objections have been received regarding entries in the roll for the constituency of

Polling area.	Name of objector and number on roll.	Name of person objected to and number on roll.
(1)	(2)	(3)

(c) The following objections have been made by the registration officer of his own motion in the roll for the constituency of

Polling area.	Number on roll.	Reason of objection.
(1)	(2)	(3)

The above claims and objections will be heard and corrections finally considered by the revising authority on

Registration Officer.

SECTION II—LANDHOLDERS' CONSTITUENCIES.

1. These regulations shall apply to the preparation of electoral rolls for the landholders' constituencies (villages and panchats).

2. The electoral roll for each constituency shall contain the following particulars: the elector's name, father's name and address. It shall be numbered in Form I hereunder and shall be divided into parts for each registration area comprised in the constituency. The names in each registration area shall be arranged alphabetically.

3. The roll shall be kept in English.

4. Each district included in a constituency shall be a separate registration area and the Collector shall be the registration officer.

Provided that any of the powers and duties of the registration officer may be performed and executed by any deputy for the time being approved by the Local Government and the provisions of these regulations shall, in respect of the powers and duties to be exercised and performed by him, apply to such deputy as far as they apply to the registration officer.

5. (a) It shall be the duty of the registration officer to cause inquiry to be made and to prepare, or cause to be prepared, lists of all persons who, in the registration area appearing to, be entitled to be registered as electors in the roll for the constituency. The lists shall be prepared in the form provided for the roll and shall also contain particulars of the amount of annual income, net income or service or assessment as the case may be.

(b) The preliminary rolls shall be prepared from these lists and published in the manner provided in regulation 6 not later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf. Column 1 of Form I may be left blank.

(c) With the preliminary roll the registration officer shall publish notice in Form II specifying the time within which claims and objections are to be preferred and the date, or, and the place at, which the revising authority will begin to sit for their disposal. The date fixed for the sitting of the revising authority shall not be later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf.

6. The preliminary rolls and the notices referred to in regulation 5 shall be printed and published as a supplement to the district gazette and made available for sale to the public. Copies of the parts relating to each registration area shall be made available for inspection in the office of the registration officer.

Claims and objections.

7. (a) Any person who claims to be entitled to be registered as an elector and who is not entered as is entitled to be entered, given in manner or with required particulars, on the preliminary roll, and any person whose name is on the roll and who objects to the inclusion of his own name or of the name of any other person whose name is on the roll may prefer a claim or an objection to the revising authority. Such claim or objection shall be sent to the registration officer as early as possible, and on or before the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf. The claim or objection must give full particulars of the qualifications claimed or of the grounds of objection as the case may be.

(b) Claims and objections may be preferred in person or sent by post.

(c) Claims and objections received after the prescribed date shall be rejected.

8. The registration officer may of his own motion remove from the list the names of persons whom he has reason to believe to be dead and may make such other corrections as may be necessary.

9. The registration officer shall, not later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf,—

(a) publish lists of all claims and objections received in time and of corrections made by him of his own motion in Form III in his office, and

(b) send a copy of every notice of objection to the person to whose registration objection has been taken and give intimation to the person concerned of the correction made by him of his own motion.

In the lists referred to in clause (a) and in the copy and intimation sent under clause (b), the registration officer shall give notice that the claims, objections and corrections will be taken into consideration by the revising authority at a place and on the date fixed which shall be specified therein.

Revising authority.

10. On each registration area, the revising authority shall be the Collector of the district. He shall sit in an office on the day fixed and on every day in that week until all the claims and objections are disposed of. Orders shall be passed in writing on each claim or objection, with reasons if a claim is rejected or an objection sustained. Final orders shall also be passed on the list of corrections made by the registration officer of his own motion.

Final publication of roll.

11. Two copies of the rolls so corrected shall be signed by the registration officer and forwarded to the returning officer.

12. The returning officer shall, combine the rolls of the several registration areas and form a complete roll for the constituency and give the names a continuous series of numbers in column 1 of the electoral roll.

13. The returning officer shall return one of the signed copies of the roll to the registration officer concerned after making the necessary entries in column 1 thereof; and the copy thus received shall, not later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf, be published by the registration officer in the manner prescribed in regulation 6.

14. Printed copies of the complete roll shall be made available for inspection and sale in the office of the returning and registration officers.

15. Any notice which is required to be sent by the registration officer under these regulations to any person shall be sufficiently sent if sent by post to the address of that person as given by him for the purpose, or as appearing on the roll, or if there is no such address, to his last known place of abode.

16. On the consideration of any claim or objection or other matter by the revising authority any person claiming to be interested therein may appear and be heard either in person or by duly authorized agent.

Form I

Electoral roll for landholder constituency No. _____		Part	Registration area	
Serial number for whole constituency.	Serial number for registration area.	Name.	Father's or husband's name.	Address.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

FORM II.

The preliminary electoral roll of landholder electors for the registration year is herewith published for general information.

Any person who claims to be entered on this roll, and who is not entered in it or is entered in an incorrect place or manner or with incorrect particulars may put in a claim to the revising authority to have his name entered or the entry corrected.

Any person whose name is on this roll, and who objects to the inclusion of his own name or of the name of any other person whose name is on the roll may prefer an objection to the revising authority.

Claims and objections may be presented to the registration officer at any time during office hours or sent by post but must reach him on or before.....

Claims and objections which are not received before the time prescribed will be rejected.

All claims and objections received in time will be heard by the revising authority at

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Registration Officer.

FORM III.

List of claims and objections.

(a) The following persons have put in claims to be registered as electors (or to have the registry of their names corrected) on the roll for landholders' constituency No.

Registration year. (1)	Name of claimant. (2)	Address. (3)	Rank of qualification. (4)

(b) The following objections have been received regarding entries in the roll for landholders' constituency No.

Registration year. (1)	Name of objector and number on roll. (2)	Name of person objected to and number on roll. (3)

(c) The following corrections have been made by the registration officer of his own motion in the roll for landholders' constituency No.

Registration year. (1)	Entered on roll. (2)	Reason of correction. (3)

The above claims and objections will be heard and corrections finally considered by the revising authority on

at

Registration Officer.

SECTION III—UNIVERSITY CONSTITUENCY.

1. These regulations shall apply to the preparation of electoral rolls for the University constituency.

2. The electoral roll for the constituency shall contain the following particulars: the elector's name, father's name, address and polling station. It shall be maintained in Form I annexed and shall be divided into parts for each registration area composed in the constituency and each part shall be divided into sections for each polling area within the registration area. The electors in each registration area shall be numbered in one series and the names in each polling area shall be arranged alphabetically and bear consecutive numbers.

3. The roll shall be kept in English.

4. (a) The City of Madras and each district in the province shall be a separate registration area. All other areas shall together form another registration area.

(b) The registration officers shall be the Commissioners of the Madras Municipality for the City of Madras, the Revenue Districtal Officer for each revenue division in the province and the Registrar of the University for other areas.

Provided that any of the powers and duties of the registration officer may be performed and exercised by any deputy for the time being approved by the Local Government in the case of the City of Madras and the districts and by the Registrar of the University in the case of other areas and the provisions of these regulations shall, in respect of the powers and duties to be exercised and performed by him, apply to each deputy as far as they apply to the registration officer.

(c) The polling areas shall be the same as those fixed for the general constituencies. Voters residing outside the Presidency will be allowed to vote by post.

5. (a) On or before the date specified by the Local Government, the Registrar of the University shall publish a notice requiring all members of the Senate, honorary fellows and graduates of over seven years' standing, who claim to be registered as electors, to apply to the registration officer of the area in which they reside not later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf.

Explanation—The term graduate includes every person on whom the University has conferred a degree.

(b) The notice shall be published in the *Port St. George Gazette* and in each newspaper in which it is required by the Registrar.

(c) The applications shall be in Form II and shall be presented or sent by post to the registration officer so as to reach him on or before the due date. Applications from persons residing outside the Presidency shall be attested by a magistrate other than a village magistrate. Printed copies of the form may be obtained on application to the registration officer. The Superintendent, Government Press, will supply the required number of copies of the form as required.

6. The registration officers shall scrutinize the applications received and prepare, in Form I, preliminary rolls of the applicants who appear to be entitled to be registered as electors for the constituency. They also assign polling stations to applicants who have not indicated the polling station at which they desire to vote. The registration officers other than the Registrar shall send the preliminary rolls to the Registrar of the University not later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf.

Except in the case of the Commissioner for the Madras Municipality the rolls shall be sent through the Collector of the district.

7. (a) It shall be the duty of the Registrar of the University to verify references 4 and 5 of Form II and to prepare a complete preliminary roll for the whole constituency and publish it in the manner prescribed in regulation 8 not later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf.

(b) With the preliminary roll the Registrar shall publish notices in Form III specifying the time within which objections and objections are to be preferred and the date on, and the place at, which the revising authority will begin to sit for their disposal. The date fixed for the sitting of the revising authority shall not be later than the date fixed by the Local Government in this behalf.

8. The preliminary roll and the notices referred to in regulation 7 shall be printed and published as a supplement to the *Port St. George Gazette* and made available for sale to the public. Copies of the rolls shall be made available for inspection and sale at the Senate House, Madras, in the Madras Municipal Office and in the office of the Revenue Districtal Officer of each division.

Objections and objections.

9. (a) Any person who claims to be entitled to be registered as an elector and whose name is not entered or is entered in an incorrect place or manner or with incorrect particulars on the preliminary roll, and any person whose name is on the roll and who objects to the inclusion of his own name or of the name of any other person whose name is on the roll may prefer a claim or an objection to the revising authority.

Form II.

Application for registration—University Constituency

Name of applicant.	Printer's name	Address.	Qualification (number of years, below or degree-holds).	Date of the appointment at which the applicant was elected.	Printing station at which applicant was not to vote (to be filled up only if person residing in the Free zone).
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

I declare that the information given in the above form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct, and that I am not subject to any of the disqualifications specified in rule 7^a of the Madras Electoral Rules.

Station

Date

Signature.

Attention. (To be filled in only by persons residing outside the Madras Presidency.)

The above declaration was signed in my presence. The signatory is personally known to me (or has been identified to my satisfaction) and the information furnished by him above is, so far as my inquiries go, correct.

Station

Date

Signature of Magistrate

*B-1 of the Madras Electoral Rules.

3. (1) Every person shall be entitled to have his name registered on the electoral roll of any constituency who has the qualifications provided for in chapter of that electoral law and who is not subject to any of the disqualifications hereinafter set out, namely:—

- is not a British subject; or
- is a female; or
- has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind; or
- is under 21 years of age.

Form III.

The preliminary electoral roll of voters for the University constituency is herewith published for general information.

Any person who claims to be entered on the roll and who is not entered on it or is entered in an incorrect manner or place or with incorrect particulars may put in a claim to the revising authority to have his name entered or the entry corrected.

Any person whose name is on this roll and who objects to the inclusion of his own name or of the name of any other person whose name is on the roll may prefer an objection to the revising authority.

Claims and objections may be presented to the Registrar at any time during office hours or sent by post but must reach him on or before the _____.

Claims and objections which are not received by the date prescribed will be rejected.

All claims and objections received in time will be heard by the revising authority at _____.

Registrar

SECTION IV—PLANTING AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
CONSTITUENCIES

These regulations shall apply to the preparation of electoral rolls for the constituencies shown in column 2 of the schedule attached and the registration officer for each of the constituencies shall be as entered in column 3 thereof.

Provided that any of the powers and duties of the registration officer may be performed and exercised by any deputy for the time being appointed by the committee of the association or chamber concerned and the provisions of these regulations shall, in respect of the powers and duties to be exercised and performed by him, apply to each deputy so far as they apply to the registration officer.

2. The electoral roll for each constituency shall be in the form enclosed and shall be kept in English, except in the case of the Netherlands-Singapore Association the roll for which shall be kept in Tamil.

3. It shall be the duty of the registration officer to collect the necessary information and to prepare a roll of persons appearing to be entitled to be registered as electors for the constituency. Only those and persons who, on the date fixed by the Local Government, are entitled to exercise all the rights and privileges of members of the chambers or associations concerned and who are not subject to any of the general disqualifications enumerated in rule 7 of the Madras Electoral Rules shall be entered on the roll.

No. 156.—In exercise of the powers conferred by rule 6 (2) of the Madras Electoral Rules published by the Government of India in their Notification No. 767-F, dated 27th July 1920, and in continuation of the Government's Notification No. 149, Public (Electoral), dated 29th July 1920, the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe for the coming elections the following dates for the several stages in the preparation of electoral rolls for the general and special constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council:—

I.—General Constituencies

Publication of preliminary rolls	Not later than	15th August 1920.
Filing of claims and objections	"	20th August 1920.
Publication of list of claims and objections	"	2nd September 1920.
Sitting of revising authority	"	15th September 1920.
Final publication of rolls	"	15th October 1920.

II.—Landholder's Constituencies.

Publication of preliminary rolls	Not later than	15th August 1920.
Filing of claims and objections	"	10th September 1920.
Publication of list of claims and objections	"	10th September 1920.
Sitting of revising authority	"	25th September 1920.
Final publication of rolls	"	15th October 1920.

III.—University Constituency.

Publication of notice by the Registrar of the University requiring qualified students to apply for registration	Not later than	5th August 1920.
Applications to reach the registration officer	"	20th August 1920.
Registration officers to forward the preliminary rolls to the Registrar	"	30th August 1920.
Publication of preliminary rolls	"	5th September 1920.
Filing of claims and objections	"	25th September 1920.
Publication of list of claims and objections	"	25th September 1920.
Sitting of revising authority	"	5th October 1920.
Final publication of rolls	"	15th October 1920.

IV.—Planting and Commerce and Industry Constituencies.

The date to which persons should be considered to be eligible for registration	1st August 1920.
Publication of preliminary rolls	Not later than 25th August 1920.
Filing of claims and objections	" 10th September 1920.
Publication of list of claims and objections	" 15th September 1920.
Sitting of revising authority	" 25th September 1920.
Final publication of rolls	" 15th October 1920.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor in Council.)

A. E. KNAPP,
Secretary to Government (Returns).